(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New incentive scheme for sugad plants

@792 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new incentive scheme for sugar plants after the withdrawal of the scheme for sugar plants licensed during the seventh plan period in September, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when a new incentive scheme is likely to be announced;

(d) whether Government proposes to give priority to capacity expansion of sugar factories in the country beyond 5000 tonnes a day by lifting the embargo placed on expansion during the seventh plan; and

(e) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard stating (i) the total number of capacity expansion applications pending clearance at the end of 1990; and (ii) when these applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The formulation of a new incentive scheme is under consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) As on 31.12.1990, 30 applications for expansion of capacity were pending consideration of the Government. The Licensing Policy guidelines for sugar industry are presently being reviewed by the Government. These applcations would be considered after policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

Production of pulses

793. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given by the Central Government to Tamil Nadu in the form of quality seeds of pulses during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 so far;

(b) the production of pulses during the year 1989-90 and the target fixed for 1990-91; and

(c) the quantity of pulses imported during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government of India provided an assistance of Rs. 15.12 lakhs during 1989-90 and of Rs. 22.70 lakhs for 1990-91 for the production and distribution of quality seed to Tamil Nadu state under the National Pulses Development Prrogramme. (NPDP).

(b) The production of pulses during 1989-90 was 12.61 million tonnes, while the target for the year 1990-91 15.0 million tonnes.

(c) 4.29 lakh tonnes of Pulses were imported during 1989-90.

Decongestion of bigger cities

794. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decongest the biggest cities which are overcrowded; and

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@Previously Unstarred Question No. 345, transferred from 18-7-91.

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) While the Government of India has initiated steps through the National Capital Region (NCR) Plan for preventing further congestion of Delhi, it plays a catalytic role in regard to similar efforts in respect of other big cities. The centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns started during the 6th Five Year Plan has been so designed to improve the urban infrastructure in small and medium towns with a view to restrain the population movement towards bigger cities. 380 towns have been assisted during the 6th and 7th Five Year Plans. 77 towns have been assisted during the year 1990-91. The total approved cost of the projects in these towns works out to Rs. 450 crores of which the Central Government share would be Rs. 197 crores. Besides finances from institutions like HUDCO have also been made available to the small and medium towns.

Soil erosion and low yield due to green revolution

795. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that green revolution has resulted in soil erosion and consequently in low yield;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States affected by soil erosion and low yield;

(d) the amount spent on green revolution programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the future plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Statewise area affected by soil erosion is annexed as Statement. (*See* below). States having yield of food grains lower than the National average of 1349 kg. per ha. 1989-90 are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Rjasthan and Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Delhi.

(d) There was no programme entitled "Green Revolution Programme" during the 7th Plan Green revolution has been due to a strategy of agricultural production based on scientific agronomic practices, application of inputs, use of high yielding variety of seeds, development of irrigation faciliites, etc. During the Seventh Plan, an amount of Rs. 12,864 crore was spent in Agriculture and allied sector and Rs. 15,515.6 crore in Irrigation sector.

(e) The Government envisages the continuation of onging schemes like Special Foodgrains Production Programmes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects, Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchment of Flood Prone Rivers, Reclamation of Alkali Soil in the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture, etc.